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AIR FREIGHT UP 14.3% IN FIRST NINE MONTHS

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 29 -- The nation's air freight traffic rose 14.3 percent during the first nine months of 1984, compared with the first three quarters of last year, the Air Transport Association said today.

Domestic air freight for the first three quarters was up 14.9 percent. Mail registered a gain of 11.1 percent. Total domestic air cargo for the first nine months, including freight and mail, rose 14.0 percent.

International air freight gained 13.4 percent during the first nine months of the year. Mail was up 7.4 percent, and international air cargo was up 12.6 percent.

For September, the airlines reported a systemwide gain in air freight of 2.3 percent.

Domestic air freight in September was up 1.5 percent. Domestic mail in September gained 6.4 percent, and total air cargo increased 2.5 percent.

International air freight in September rose 3.5 percent. Mail was up 2.5 percent. International air cargo had a gain of 3.3 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
SEPTEMBER 1984	313,245	85,891	399,136	198,954	25,641	224,595	512,199	623,731
SEPTEMBER 1983	308,614	80,705	389,319	192,308	25,019	217,327	500,922	606,646
PERCENT CHANGE	1.5	6.4	2.5	3.5	2.5	3.3	2.3	2.8
9 MONTHS 1984	2,849,493	800,443	3,649,936	1,695,363	239,801	1,935,164	4,544,856	5,585,100
9 MONTHS 1983	2,481,037	720,379	3,201,416	1,494,722	223,313	1,718,035	3,975,759	4,919,451
PERCENT CHANGE	14.9	11.1	14.0	13.4	7.4	12.6	14.3	13.5

NOTES: Carriers included: Aircal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Capitol, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.

Northwest data are not included in international figures.